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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Craig E. Church

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Period for Reply

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-25 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-25 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____. |
| 3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| Paper No(s)/Mail Date <u>11/12/03</u> . | 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: ____. |

The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

Claim 21 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, because the specification, while being enabling for a Bucky comprising a grid, does not reasonably provide enablement for a Bucky that does not have a grid. The specification does not enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to practice the invention commensurate in scope with this claim.

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Pagano (6088427). Pagano teaches Bucky apparatus comprising abtiscatter grid 16 supported for oscillation in housing 14, motor 20, crank19 linked to grid 16 via arm 18, counterweight 23 and crank 21 linked to counterweight 23 via arm 22. Rotary motion of the motor is converted to linear motion by cranks 19 and 21 so that grid 16 is reciprocated in one direction, and counterweight 23 is reciprocated in the opposite direction. Counterweight 23 balances the mass of grid 16 in its reciprocating motion (lines 9-10 of column 4). Pagano does not disclosed use of cams, but cams are a notorious alternative to cranks for converting rotary motion to linear motion, and it would

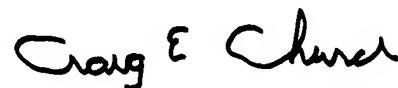
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have been obvious to substitute a cam mechanism for the crank drive in Pagano's system since cams provide quieter operation than cranks (an important consideration in medical imaging).

Claims 21-25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Pagano as above in view of Hill (3980407). Hill teaches an x-ray shutter including an endless belt 22 reeved around a drive pulley 20 and an idler pulley 21, a reversible motor 25 for driving pulley 20, and shutter plates 23 and 24 attached to different sections of the belt so that they are reciprocated in opposite directions. Endless belt drives are notorious mechanisms for converting rotary motion to linear motion, and it would have been obvious to substitute such a belt mechanism for the crank drive in Pagano's system since belt drives provide less vibration and quieter operation than cranks (important considerations in medical imaging).

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to Examiner Craig E. Church at telephone number (571) 272-2488.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Craig E. Church". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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